

Fremont CA Fire Department

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Novel Coronavirus Update Message Expired

Today it was brought to our attention there are rumors spreading quickly on multiple social media outlets regarding possible cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus within the City of Fremont.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is currently monitoring an outbreak of a 2019 Novel (new) Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China that began in December 2019. There are confirmed cases in China, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, and the United States.

The Fremont Fire Department contacted the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD), and the agency verified there are **no confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Alameda County at this time**. The ACPHD also noted the virus does not appear to be spreading in the United States and there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public at the present time.

The CDC always recommends the following everyday

preventive actions to help prevent the spread of flu and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Symptoms of 2019-nCoV include high fever or cough, and shortness of breath. Having these symptoms, and either having traveled to Wuhan in the last 14 days or come into contact with someone who may have 2019-nCoV, would make a person more likely to need immediate medical evaluation.

If you meet these criteria, seek medical care right away. **Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.**

To learn more information about 2019-nCoV, please visit the following resources from the CDC and Alameda County Public Health Department:

Coronavirus Information from the
CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Updates from ACPHD: <http://www.acphd.org/>

We will continue to work closely with the ACPHD, and will provide updates if any actionable information is received.